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SUBJECT: IRAN REPORTEDLY ABANDONING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PERMANENT
SEAT OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
(IFAD)

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1. AUSTRALIAN COUNSELOR ALPEN, BETWEEN-SESSION CHAIRMAN OF IFAD
CONSULTATIONS BY CATEGORY I (OECD/DAC) COUNTRIES HERE IN ROME SAYS
THAT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN HAS REPORTED ITS VIEW THAT
THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RE-ASSESSED ITS PROSPECTS FOR WINNING
THE PERMANENT SEAT OF IFAD, AND IS ABANDONING THAT EFFORT. THE
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS CHECKED THIS WITH SEVERAL OTHER DEVELOPED
COUNTRY EMBASSIES IN TEHRAN (NOT INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES), AND
THEY ARE OF THE SAME VIEW.

2. THIS REINFORCES MY RECOMMENDATION (REFTEL) THAT WE TRY TO
DEVELOP A NEW APPROACH TO THE SEAT ISSUE. I DO NOT THINK WE
SHOULD LET THE ISSUE LIE, IN THE HOPE THAT THE CHANGE OF IRANIAN
VIEW WILL TAKE CARE OF IT WITHOUT ANY MOVE ON OUR PART. FOR ONE
THING, THE IRANIANS WILL HAVE TO CHANGE THE MARCHING ORDERS OF
THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME. WE ALSO WILL HAVE TO TALK WITH
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OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT NOT DISCUSSING THE SEAT ISSUE. THE BEST
TACTIC, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE TO APPROACH THE IRANIANS WITH
A PROPOSAL FOR MORATORIUM AND SILENCE ON THE SEAT ISSUE IN THE
4TH PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING. I HOPE THAT WE COULD AT THE
SAME TIME TELL THE IRANIANS, AND THEN OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT WE NO
LONGER LINK PRESIDENCY AND SEAT, AND AGREE THAT EACH SHOULD BE
DECIDED ON ITS OWN MERITS. THIS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR IRAN.

SUCH TACTICS WOULD PROBABLY ENTAIL A MORATORIUM ALSO ON THE RULE
OF PROCEDURE ISSUE OVER SECRET VERSUS ROLL-CALL BALLOT ON THE
SEAT. IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR IRAN TO YIELD ON THIS ISSUE LATER
IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL RATHER THAN IN THE 4TH PREPARATORY COMMIS-
SION. TECHNICALLY WE STILL HAVE PANAMA AND GABON AS CANDIDATES FOR
THE SEAT, BUT I DON NOT CONSIDER THEM SERIOUS CONTENDERS.

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